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PROPOSAL TO IMPEACH PATTERSON.

A Methodist pastor of New Orleans, a native of Tennessee, declared in the course of his sermon Sunday night that Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, should be impeached for pardoning Duncan M. Cooper, the murderer of Senator Carmack. It hardly would be feasible to attempt to carry out this suggestion, but if such a thing were possible, we believe it would be gratifying to the country at large and to the law-abiding citizens of Tennessee. However, the governor is vested with the pardoning power by the constitution of the State, and while the people may exercise their privilege of demanding to know the executive's reason for granting a pardon, if no reason is given or if one is given and it is not satisfactory, their surest remedy, if not their only one, is in turning the governor and his clan out of office when the next election comes around.

Governor Patterson's administration is destined to be recorded as the most infamous in the history of any State in the union, excepting possibly the regimes of some of the notorious carpetbaggers in the South immediately after the war. Dispatches from Nashville say that this official, who branded the judiciary of his State as incompetent and unfair in order to excuse his own action in saving from prison his political ally who had been convicted of murder, has issued nearly one thousand pardons since he has been in the governor's chair, more than one hundred and fifty of this number being murderers.

Unless this administration that puts a premium upon crime and puts into practical force the creed that law ceases to exist when it presumes to lay its hands upon murderers and cut-throats who speak the language of the tribe, Tennessee will be thrown into a state of anarchy. And, as the Richmond Times-Dispatch remarks in this connection, unless something is done pretty soon, Patterson will have pardoned enough criminals to insure his election by their votes to any office within the gift of the people.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE AGAIN.

Lucas, the Greek confectioner whose desire to keep his establishment open for business seven days in the week is responsible for all the row over the sale of things other than drugs and newspapers in the drug stores and news stands on Sunday, has again sworn out warrants against the druggists and news dealers in the city. The nineteen defendants will be before Justice Brown in the police court this morning.

As it is obviously a fact that the druggists and news dealers have been violating the letter of the Sunday observance statute, it appears that this Greek and his lawyer must be allowed to dictate the policy of the municipality unless Justice Brown follows the example of the mayor and the police department and refuses to deem the defendants guilty of violating the spirit of the law. The Sunday observance statute is not literally enforced anywhere in the State, nor is it practicable to literally enforce it. This being the case, the police magistrate can, if he will, fix such exceptions to the law as he may see fit, and

nobody except the mayor and the city council can question the legality or propriety of his action.

As this paper remarked recently, this agitation demonstrates the necessity for amending and elucidating the Sunday observance statute. The statute reads practically as it did two hundred years ago, and it is doubtful that it ever has been enforced to the letter anywhere at any time during these two hundred years. What's the use of being hypocritical about this thing? Let us have a statute that will give the administrative officers a fair idea of what they are expected to require under its provisions.

RECORD FOR APPOINTMENTS TO SUPREME COURT.

It is suggested that President Taft may equal the record for the number of members of the Supreme Court appointed by a single President. No President has named more than five justices. Mr. Taft has appointed Judge Lurton and soon will name a successor to the late Justice Brewer. Persistent reports say that Justice Moody may resign on account of ill health, and it is pointed out that Justice Harlan and Moody are both near the seventy-seventh birthday and naturally cannot be expected to remain on the bench very much longer. Thus, it seems, Mr. Taft's chances of equalling the record made by Jackson and matched by Lincoln and Grant are better than equal.

If the selection of Judge Lurton is indicative of the President's notion as to the age qualification, some President within the next ten or fifteen years is going to establish a new record. Justice Lurton was 65 years old at the time of his appointment. If Mr. Taft should appoint five men of or about that age, it would be necessary to replace practically the whole court in the course of ten years or so.

In Richmond the screams of a wronged wife in the rehearsal of a theatrical company attracted a big crowd and the policeman on the beat to a well-known hotel. The press agent was on the job.

The cost of living is giving trouble in China. Famine sufferers in Changsha looted the race shops and then proceeded to murder the governor of the province and his wife, and then burn all buildings owned by foreigners.

Dispatches from Monte Carlo say that no American has disturbed the bank this season by winning a considerable sum. Maybe that is one reason why money is scarce over here.

Dispatches from Detroit say that a dairyman of that city is the father of fifteen girls and eight boys. But in these days of nature-faking we can't believe everything we hear.

Prof. Wheeler, of Harvard, claims that the mosquito caused the fall of Rome and Greece. Butterflies have caused a good many falls, too.

Barney Oldfield was beaten by an amateur in California the other day. However, in this instance the amateur was an amateur in name only.

The report that Senator Aldrich is to retire from public life really is too good to be true.

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY MEETS THIS MORNING

Delegates From This City Will Attend Sessions at Williamsburg.

The Norfolk Presbytery, comprising the Presbyterian churches of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Hampton, will hold its regular convention at Williamsburg today, the sessions beginning this morning. Before the convention opens, the board of directors of the Williamsburg Female Institute will hold its regular meeting and formulate a report to the Presbytery. Rev. E. T. Wellford and E. J. Patton, of this city, are members of the board. Mr. Wellford said yesterday that the report will be the best the directors have yet made as the school is in a flourishing condition.

WILL VISIT TAFT.

President Notifies Times-Dispatch Editor When He Will Receive Party.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, Va., April 18.—President Taft has notified the editor of the Times-Dispatch that he will receive the Times-Dispatch automobile endurance run party at the White House on the morning of Friday, May 6. The cars in the Virginia run will leave Richmond, Thursday morning, May 5, and will reach Washington that evening. The night will be spent in Washington, and before leaving Friday morning, the cars will parade before the President and the chief executive will welcome the Virginians, North Carolinians and others who will take part in the run.

Fireman's Run: April 11 to May 7.
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MERRY DEL VAL
AN ARISTOCRAT

Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, who conducted the Roosevelt negotiations, and is blamed, by reason of his Spanish blood, for the Vatican's faux pas, is by no means new to troubles, says the New Haven Register. Ever since he came to this most potent position on October 19, 1903, his course has been tempestuous. Over and over again have the cables announced that he was about to resign, and once indeed, his resignation was at a very difficult, delicate and laborious one. It demands tact, common sense and executive ability.

The secretary of state has nothing to do with spiritual matters, except indirectly, but stands between the pope and the rest of the world to see that his will is carried out, and all the departments and subordinate organizations of which the church is composed are directly responsible to him. He is the vicar of the pope in all relations with the outside public, with nations as well as with men, and the general manager of the greatest institution in the entire world. Merry del Val's predecessor was Rampolla who had for many years been the most powerful and influential cardinal in the church and who would have been made pope but for the protest of Austria.

A Spanish Aristocrat.

Rafael Merry del Val was born in England, where his father was the ambassador of Spain. His grandmother was of English birth. The family is one of the oldest of the Spanish aristocracy, and trace back their ancestry for several hundred years. For generations they have furnished able diplomats, statesmen and generals, but more priests. His younger brother was one of the tutors and aids of the king of Spain. The Merrys have been celebrated for their piety, their devotion to the church, and their loyalty to the King of Spain, but more than all for their conservatism and rigid adherence to the customs and traditions of their race. Merry del Val, who is now living at Rome, is described as the typical old-fashioned Spanish aristocrat. He is called a "retrograde," which means that he looks backwards instead of forward, and the son has partaken of some of these characteristics. The father has been in the diplomatic service of Spain all his life, and his latest post was that of ambassador to the holy see, where he was so strict that he would not recognize his cousin, Count Benavente, who was ambassador to the king. The son has thus been born and reared in the atmosphere of diplomacy. He was educated at the Jesuit College at Stonehurst, England, and at what is known as the College of Nobles in Rome, where the families of the papal aristocracy and nobility send their sons to be educated for a diplomatic career.

The young man became acquainted with Cardinal Rampolla when the latter was papal nuncio at Madrid, and became his protégé. Their relations have been very intimate ever since. Rampolla has taken as much interest in his welfare and advancement as if he were his own son. Although Merry took priestly orders he has never performed parish duties.

He speaks five languages fluently—English, French, German, Italian and his native tongue of the church. He reads and writes all of them with great facility and was thus able to acquire a familiar knowledge of optical as well as ecclesiastical affairs in all the European countries.

His social position has been of great advantage to him, as well as his accomplishments and personal attractions, and he has been very useful to the Vatican for confidential missions to the different capitals. Handsome of person, or polished manners, genial disposition, and charming conversational powers, able, intelligent, and keen of perception, he was one of the most useful and most favored of all the clergy under the last administration, and was perhaps more constantly at the side of the holy father than any other man during the last ten years.

Steamer Southland Docked.

The Norfolk & Washington steamer Southland is having her hull below the waterline cleaned and painted in dry dock No. 1, at the shipyard. While at the yard the vessel is to have some minor repairs made to her hull and machinery.

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NEGRO STABS WOMAN;
CAPTURED BY POLICE

Josephine Clark, Victim of Attack by Willie Gransby, May Not Survive.

After a search that consumed nearly three hours and which led the officers over four miles or more of territory, Willie Gransby, a negro, was captured yesterday afternoon at Huntington avenue and Thirtieth street by Detective Sergeant Henry E. Bridges and Patrolman Parrish and locked up at the station house on the charge of felonious cutting. Gransby is alleged to have stabbed Josephine Clark, a negro woman, who is now in a precarious condition at her home, 515 Twenty-fourth street.

The cutting occurred at the woman's home about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and followed a row about another man. Gransby, it is charged, first stabbed the woman in the left side near the heart, the knife blade penetrating the left lung, and then stabbed her in the back as she turned to run away from him. The knife blade is said to have penetrated the kidney, and the woman may not live.

Following the cutting, Gransby made his escape before officers could reach the scene. The police station was notified and Sergeant Bridges and Patrolman Parrish hurried to the scene. They first thought that the man would head for Ivy avenue to catch a boat for Norfolk, but after getting to the pier they found that he had not gone that way.

ALDERMEN TO CONSIDER LICENSE TAX ORDINANCE

President Robinson Calls Special Session for Tonight—Agents Oppose Insurance Tax.

President E. W. Robinson, of the board of aldermen, yesterday issued a call for a special meeting of the board of aldermen for tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of acting upon the amendments to the license tax ordinance as adopted by the common council last week and to take up the matter of making a contract with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company for a telephone line across the company's right of way. The proposed telephone line is to extend to the new almshouse.

Present indications are that there will be some opposition tonight to the license tax on insurance companies of 25 and five per cent. of the gross receipts of the companies on the amount of premiums received here each year. This amendment to the tax ordinance was unanimously adopted by the lower branch and the general belief is that it will pass the upper branch.

Barges Repairing at Yard.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By CARL SCHOFIELD, Special Correspondent.

The social charm of the Herron family, to which Mrs. William H. Taft belongs, has been demonstrated in the grace and ease with which all of Mrs. Taft's three sisters have at times acted in her place as the hostess of the White House. The latest member of the family to carry off honors in the difficult role of deputy for the first lady of the land is Mrs. Charles Anderson of Cincinnati, who has relieved Mrs. Taft by presiding at the state dinners at the White House and by representing her at the dinners given by each of the cabinet members in turn in honor of the president. Of Mrs. Taft's three sisters, Mrs. Anderson is the most widely known in Washington, where she has visited not only Mr. and Mrs. Taft, but has also stopped with relatives of her husband's family, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson.

Shares Ideals of Hospitality.
Mrs. Anderson shares Mrs. Taft's ideals of hospitality and is so thoroughly conversant with her sister's social aims as mistress of the White House that she has been enabled to carry out her wishes with the utmost fidelity. Mrs. Taft and her sister have been inseparable during the latter's visit. Strangers who pass them driving while taking a morning's constitutional frequently remark the strong family resemblance which is so marked a characteristic of the Herrons. In the case of Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Anderson the resemblance is rather one of manner and carriage than of feature.

Although Mrs. Taft delegated the duties of dinner hostess to her sister, she personally presided at the White House receptions and has charmed all comers by her cordiality and graciousness and gratified her friends by the rapid improvement in her health.

Parlor Politics.
Those who make the rounds of Washington drawing rooms assert that everything from a nomination to the coralling of a goodly block of votes may be accomplished at a Washington afternoon tea. For the orderly and effectual dispensation of incipient ructions "back home" nothing is equal to the simple expedient of asking the wife of a visiting constituent to assist at one of these weekly functions. Feminine insurgency is not equal to holding out against the lures offered by the tactful hostess, and many a cup of tea sipped in the drawing room of an accomplished woman of the world has marked the turning point in a career.

Shortage in Cadets.
More cadets are needed at West Point, and Colonel Scott, superintendent of that institution, was here recently conferring with the secretary of war and the committees of congress concerning the best way to get them. There does not seem to be any difficulty in getting enough cadets at the Naval academy, and today nearly 900 are under instruction there—twice the number at West Point. The examinations for admission to the Military academy have just been held, and the result is a great disappointment.

Percentage of Failures.
The percentage of those who fail to report and the percentage of those who fail to pass the examination are about the same every year, but this winter, out of nearly 500 candidates designated, only 105 passed the examinations, a much smaller number than usual. The remaining 390 who reported were rejected by the medical board or failed to pass the mental examinations. This leaves 150 vacancies at the academy. The authorized strength of the corps of cadets is 533, and at present there are 411 cadets on the rolls. The next graduating class numbers only eighty-four, which will reduce the total by that much.

To Beautify the Potomac.
The "city beautiful" idea will be extended to the Potomac river and its tributaries in the District's limits if a bill recently presented in the senate becomes a law. Senator Newlands introduced the measure by request.

The bill proposes to make it unlawful to drop any dead fish, dead animals, condemned oysters, watermelons, cantaloupes, vegetables, fruits, shavings, hay, straw, ice, snow, filth or trash of any kind into the waters of the Potomac or any of its tributaries.

Must Not Obstruct Docks.
It is proposed to amend the code to provide that no barge, lighter or scow shall be permitted to lie in front of or overlap any adjoining wharf without the written consent of the owner and that it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of a dock or any master of a boat to throw or drop any stone, gravel, oyster shells or ashes into the Potomac river below the high water mark unless for the purpose of constructing a wharf and after permission has been granted by the commissioners.

The legislation is urged on the ground of preventing the pollution of the river and its being made dangerous to navigation.

Proposed Confederate Monument.
Fitzhugh Lee chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Frederick, Md., has begun a campaign to secure funds for the erection of a monument on Monocacy battlefield, at Frederick Junction, to the valor of the southern soldiers who fought in that memorable engagement on Maryland soil. When the movement was first inaugurated it was decided merely to erect a marker, but now a strong sentiment for a monument prevails.

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